SOME VIEWS OF FRIENDS AND READERS OF THE TIMES.

Something About the Organic Law-A Plea For the Rank and File .-- A Word About the Disposition of Taxes---The Salaries of State Officials.

VARIOUS OPINIONS ON TOPICS OF MORE OR LESS INTEREST TO THE PEOPLE

The Times cheerfully opens its columns | pride when they read of the valiant deeds to the discussion of subjects of interest to the people. While the correctness of the views expressed are neither endorsed or refuted by the editor of The Times, the paper is glad to hear from its friends and readers, and offers them space in which to publish their opinions.

The Organic Law.

Editor of The Times: Sir,—In a democratic government, why should we have constitutions of such binding force and effect on our future acstrongly a want of confidence in our-selves, as well as in our posterity? Wat prate concerning our natural rights, nat prate concerning our natural rights, natural abilities, and our natural fitness for self-government, and then the ourselves and our children down to a set of principles and rules which, even if they suffice our present needs and requirements, may be entirely unsuitable for our future growth or for our decadence? A suit of clothes for a small boy should not be made for the purpose of lasting him through manhood and in old age. We should have no Constitution, unless we like up to the demands of it, or down to

live up to the demands of it, or down to

its requirements.

And as evolution is the law of our be-And as evolution is the law of our being, either of growth or decay, according as the germs of either which may be present in us must determine, it would seem folly to clothe the future with either the habiliments of youth or with the garments of old age. The absolute has never yet been found. Either growth or decay is the state, or condition of all things or beings; these being self-evident things or beings; these being senectable truths; why hinder man in his high and noble resolves to climb the heights in his hopeful efforts to find the highest good? Why chain the living present or the hopeful future to any dead or decaying carcass of the past? Why not let us take the lamp of the past, only to guide our fost by the future pathway of upward and feet in the future pathway of upward and onward progress toward higher and holler ideals? Let creeds and dogmas of either Church, on state drift into the dark, backward, and abyse of time, and let our conduct be measured by the living, present and eternal necessities of the human soul.

Can, or will the Creator make a being substitute of the human soul. perior to himself? Can, and ought the creature to be over and above the Crea-tor? How far advanced is such conduct from that of our ancient and barbarous ancestors, who made their own gods to be worshipped by themselves? Although these gods doubtless represented as high ideals as they had attained, yet in their fastening such on an unborn generation— though sincere, conscientious and believ-ing that they were acting for the best-we ing that they were acting for the best-we are now able to see the great folly of such. Why can we see their follies so clearly and ours so dimly, or not all. It reminds me forcibly of the exhortation of our Great Teacher: "Why beholdest thou the mote that is within thy brother's eye, yet perceiveth not the beam that is within thine own eye?" Quoting the substance of the impassioned Patrick Henry's language, used in the House of Burgesses, I will say: We know no lamp by which our feet are to be guided except the lamp experience; we know no way of judging the future except by the way of judging the future except by the

our ecclesiastics for having or making creeds, and cry out at them: "Every creed is a rock in running water; humanity sweeps by it. Every creed cries to the universe, halt! A creed is the ignorant past, bullying the enlightened present," and while these sarcastic words are still warm upon our lips, we are seriously and busily contemplating the making for our civil government just such an anom-aly.

W. H. BARROW. Barrow's Store, Va., Jan. 23, 1901.

Give the Rank and File a Chance. Editor of The Times:

Sir,—The Hon ex-President Grover Cleveland concludes an extended article in the Saturday Evening Post of Phil-adelphia on the "Plight of Democracy and the Remedy," with the words quoted above as the cpitome of his "plan for the rehabilitation and restoration of true Democracy."

Democracy,"
The rank and file have had full sway for the past eight years or more, and they have been driving the leaders reck-lessly toward Populism, because the lead-ers have not been able to withstand the

pressure of the masses.

The masses have had ample evidence of the fact, if they will open their eyes to the logic of events that there are many old wheel-borses of Democracy that cannot be driven headlong into folly

that cannot be driven fleading into folly by the lash of party conventions. These party conventions must hereafter make platforms in conformity with the true principles of Democracy and loyally to this great Republic of ours, or there will continue to be a respectable protest against their action by consistent Demo-

The latter are loth to leave the grand eld party, and are holding on with the lope that it will turn away from its recent errors and fall into line with the marching columns of Anglo-Saxon pro-

gress.

Better far that the time-honored party, once the pride of this country and the founder of its best institutions, shall go down in defeat than that it shall stand own in deceat than that it shall stand in the way of the advancing tide of Anglo-Saxon civilization, which is opening the way of the spread of the gospel of Christ over the waste places of the earth.

There are tens of thousands of Demoerats in the South, old soldiers in the Con-federats army, not conscripts, but volun-teers, whose bosoms swell with patriotic of our noble soldiers in the Philippines and far-off China.

Democracy is doomed if it is determined to make a stand against the manifest purpose of God to expand the civilization and religion of Christianity to the uttermost parts of the earth by extending the boundaries to the Anglo-Saxon racc. Let not Mr. Cleveland and others de-ceive themselves with the thought that free silver defeated the Democratic party

in the last election.

As bad as free sliver was, anti-expansion was worse. The one was a doad issue, the other a living question, loaded

with destruction.

Let our party-leaders in Congress from the South be careful how they make history, and not bring reproach and discredit upon the proud prestige of the fairest section of this great Republic. We love the old party in spite of her sins, and hope to see her regenerated in

the near future. G. W. DRAKE. Hollins, Va., January 19th.

Disposi-ion of Taxes.

Editor of The Times: Sir,-Kindly forgive my knacking at your front door again. I do not see many "Hayseeds" troubling you about the question of what is done with their taxes after the collector gets the cash into his wallet. The Commonwealth's Attorney for Montgomery county deserves thanks for his aid. The attorney of the county in which I have the pleasure of paying taxes does not agree with "Mr. Roop" in thinking that that official should keep supervisors up to their duty under law. I do not know what the Commonwealth's Attorney's duties are, who pays him, or what provision there is in the law to ensure his doing his duty what-ever it is. Excuse my ignorance. I have

wealth of fellows in my benighted State.
I can look back on nearly sixty years, during which time many reforms have been effected in the affairs of the people, and every one of the reforms have been largely if not wholly indebted to the press. I hope that The Times may have the honor and pleasure of seeing valuable fruits from its efforts to secure improvements. provements in more than one direction in behalf of the people at large.

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May I ask a question, or advise me to
whom I should apply for information? It
is this: Have the supervisors of a county
legal authority to increase the taxes without the consent of the tax-payer? Our county tax has been raised ten cents in the hundred dollars in 1900. No notice as to what this is for nor by what authority it is done has been given. A county official, in answer to a question, county official, in answer to a question, says that it was to provide some extraordinary outlay, and the cost of the smallpox scare. Some men, who are supposed to be in touch with the "inner circle," the "ring" it might be in other places, say that the extra ten cents is put on for the roads. The law does not allow the Road Roard to assess over "0 cents. the Road Board to assess over 29 cents per \$100, so that any addition to that would be entirely illegal. This has grown too long, by far. Please read it, if time and patience permit, and it may be you spare a line or two to reply. the ball rolling and we may waken the

Avon, Va., January 23, 1901.

Salaries of Officials.

Editor of The Times: Sir.—in the editorial of the 18th, daily issue, the statement of salaries paid to county officials ignores the fact that a targe for the work performed, is at fee, large for the work performed, is actached to almost every official act, especially of sheriff, clerks and Commonwealth's attorneys. These officials or as capable men would serve for much less pay. Editor Bibb, of the Louisa News, is right in saying the tax-payers are burdened. The poor farming lands of the context as assessed high for the producdened. The poor farming lands of the county are assessed high for the producing capacities. The 13 1-3 cents for road tax is used to hire hands at double what the farmer can pay for labor. Railroad and other contractors' agents scour the country from spring till fall and take away from the farms every hand that can work. Poverty of soil, inability to sell lands, no hands to hire, low price of farm products, increase of taxes, are the burdens laid upon the farmers. The above is the true condition of farmers in Louisa.

W. A. B. M'COMB, Louisa, Va., Jan. 23, 1991.

Let Them Speak for Themselves,

Editor of The Times: Sir.—Inasmuch as there are open candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Virginia, we desire to know the position of the candidates upon the question of apportionment of the General Assembly of Virginia, in the event some of the voters of Virginia are disfranchised under the new Constitution. Do they favor an apportionment of the Do they favor an apportionment of the General Assembly upon the basis of population, as at present, or apply the ber of electors qualified to vote?

PUBLIUS.

WhoCan Answer?

Editor of The Times: Sir,—I am asked, if we have a guberna-torial candidate, who was an original constitutional man. Could you not answer this interregatory through your paper, for the benefit of many, and oblige.

B. B. Charlottesville, Va., Jan. 23, 1901.

PLANS MADE FOR MARSHALL DAY

State and City Bar Associations at Work.

sive preparations for the proper celebra-tion of "John Marshall Day," February

tion of "John Marshall Day," February 4th, next.

The celebration will be in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the cleva-tion of John Marshall to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the principal exercises will be held in the Academy of Music at 4 o'clock. The oration will be delivered by Hon. Horace Gray, of Massachusetts, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

States.
This anniversary of the elevation of John Marshall to the position of Chief Justice of the United States is an event

A MEMORABLE OCCASION.

Justice of the United States is an event in which Virginians feel a peculiar pride, and vie with their brethren of the bench and bar in other sections of the Union in making the exercises at this, the capital of his native State, and the city where he so long resided, in every way worthy the Commonwealth of Virginia and the august memory of her great son.

The exercises at the Academy will be followed by a banquet at the Jefferson Hotel. To this banquet invitations will be extended only to the President of the United States and the members of his Cabinet; the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; the members of the Supreme Court of Virginia; the

Governor of the Commonwealth; the Mayor of the city of Richmond; Mr. Justice Gray, and members of his party, and to the gentlemen invited from beyond the State to respond to toasts. Men of national reputation will be among the speakers at the banquet.

who WILL ATTEND.

Mr. Eugene Massie, secretary of the Committee of Arrangements for the celebration, has been notified by the following gentlemen that they will attend:

Colonel William A. Anderson, Lexical Colonel William A.

ington.
O. D. Batchelor, Esq., Newport News.
John C. Blair, Esq., Wytheville,
Judge William H. Brawley, Charleston,

S. C.
E. M. Braxton, Esq., Newport News.
Wallace F. Brown, Esq., Richmond.
Joseph Bryan, Esq., Richmond.
J. Stewart Bryan, Esq., Richmond.
J. Lawrence Campbell, Esq., Bedford

Judge R. H. Cardwell, Hanover. Judge R. H. Cardwell, Hanover.
Hunsdon Cary, Esq., Richmond.
J. Presion Carsson, Esq., Richmond.
Thomas N. Carter, Esq., Richmond.
Frank W. Christian, Esq., Richmond.
Judge George L. Christian, City.
Graham Claytor, Esq., Bedford City.
Captain John A. Coke, Itichmond.
Mr. John A. Coke, Jr., Richmond.
C. W. Coleman, Esq., Portsmouth.
Edwin P. Cox, Esq., Richmond.
Frank L. Crecker, Esq., Portsmouth. Frank L. Crocker, Esq., Richmond.
Frank L. Crocker, Esq., Portsmouth.
Beverley T. Crump, Esq., Richmond.
S. Gordon Cumming, Esq., Hampton.
Charles Curry, Esq., Staunton.
James R. V. Daniel, Esq. Richmond.
Judge John G. Dew, Richmond.

William P. De Saussure, Paq., Rich-A. B. Dickinson, Esq., Richmond. John Dunlop, Esq., Richmond. George A. Frick, Esci., Norfolk. William A. Glasgow, Jr., Roanoke, Hon. John Goode, Bedford City. James W. Gordon, Esq., Richmond. George D. Gray, Esq., Culpeper. Judge Danlel A. Grimsley, Culpeper. A. B. Guigon, Esq., Richmond. Alexander Hamilton, Esq., Petersburg. Hon. Marshall Hanger, Staunton.
Judge George M. Harrison, StauntonJames Harrison, Esq., Danville.
Randolph Harrison, Esq., Lynchburg.
G. Hatton, Esq., Portsmouth.
Judge John D. Horsley, Lynchburg.
Mr. John Howard, Jr., Ridmond.
Robert M. Hughes, Esq., Norfolk.
Henry O. Humphrey, Esq., Bedford City.
Judge George J. Hundley, Amelia C. H.
Mr. John Hunter, Jr., Richmond.
Colonel B. O. James, Richmond. Hon, Marshall Hanger, Staunton. Mr. John Hunter, Jr., Richmond.
Colonel B. O. James, Richmond.
John B. Jenkins, Esq., Norfolk.
Judge James Keith, Richmond.
Judge James Keith, Richmond.
J. Jordan Leake, Esq., Richmond.
J. Jordan Leake, Esq., Richmond.
Judge L. L. Lewis, Richmond.
A. R. Long, Esq., Lyhenburg.
M. M. Martin, Esq., Richmond.
Judge E. C. Minor, Richmond.
Judge E. C. Minor, Richmond.
John B. Minor, Esq., Richmond.
William A. Moneure, Esq., Richmond.
John B. Moon, Esq., Charlottesville.
Judge C. F. Moore, Covington.
Beveriey B. Munford, Esq., Richmond.
William M. McMilister, Esq., Warm
Springs.

William S. McGuire, Esq., Richmond.
Springs.
Murray M. McGuire, Esq., Petersburg.
Hon. W. P. McRae, Petersburg.
W. J. Nelms, Esq., Newport News.
Hon. Charles T. O'Ferrall, Richmond.
Rosewell Page, Esq., Richmond.
J. C. Parker, Esq., Franklin.
S. S. P. Patteson, Esq., Richmond.
Henry R. Pollard, Esq., Richmond.
Join Garland Pollard, Esq., Richmond.
Samuel Regester, Esq., Richmond.
D. C. Richardson, Esq., Richmond.
Thomas B. Robertson, Esq., Eastville.
Clarence W. Robinson, Esq., Eastville.
Clarence W. Robinson, Esq., Newport
News.

John Rutherfoord, Esq., Richmond. R. Carter Scott, Esq., Richmond.
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Ceorge S. Shackleford, Esq., Orange.
W. O. Skelton, Esq., Richmond.
Willis B. Smith, Esq., Richmond.
John W. Stephenson, Esq., Warm

Springs.
Colonel E. E. Stickley, Woodstock.
Major Charles S. Stringfellow, Rich-

mond.

Mr. Henry Taylor, Jr., Richmond.
W. Brydon Tennant, Esq., Richmond.
E. B. Thomason, Esq., Richmond.
W. A. Townes, Esq., Richmond.
Judge J. R. Tucker, Bedford City.
R. Turnbull, Esq., Lawrenceville,
J. Ailen Watts, Esq., Zounoke,
Judge B. R. Wellford, Jr., Richmond.
L. O. Wendenburg, Esq., Richmond.
Charles U. Williams, Esq., Richmond.
Mr. Charles U. Williams, Jr., Richmond.
John G. Winston, Esq., Richmond.
E. R. Williams, Esq., Richmond.
John G. Williams, Esq., Richmond.
Mr. Henry W. Anderson, Richmond.
Mr. Henry W. Anderson, Richmond.
Mr. J. C. Baker, Newport News.
Major Charles M. Blackford, Lynchburg.
Mr. George Bryan, Richmond. Mr. Henry Taylor, Jr., Richmond. Mr. J. C. Baker, Newport News.
Major Charles M. Blackford, Lynchburg.
Mr. George Bryan, Richmond,
Mr. H. G. Buchanan, Richmond,
Judge John A. Bucharian, Abingdon,
Mr. A. A. Campbell, Wytheville,
Mr. Irving E. Campbell, Richmond,
Mr. J. W. Chapman, Tazewell,
Mr. Lucian H. Cocke, Roanoke,
Mr. F. M. Conner, Richmond,
Major Sol, Cutchins, Richmond,
Mr. Richard B. Davis, Petersburg,
Major James H. Dooley, Richmond,
Mr. William Eubank, Bedford City,
Mr. John C. Ewell, Millenbeck,
Mr. J. W. Fleet, Biscoe,
Mr. R. R. Florance, Richmond,
Mr. A. P. Gillespie, Tazewell,
Mr. Marshall M. Gilliam, Richmond,
Mr. Samuel Griffin, Bedford City,
Mr. Daniel Grinnan, Richmond,
Mr. David D. Hull, Jr., Bristol,
Mr. Eppa Hunton, Jr., Warrenton,
Judge John H. Ingram, Manchester,
Mr. Henry C. Ivy, Newport News,
Mr. J. L. Jeffries, Culpeper,
Captain John R. Johnson, Christiansburs,
Mr. Fulion Kegley, Bland,

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Mr. Joseph L. Kelly, Bristol.
Mr. S. L. Kelley, Richmond.
Judge Wilbur J. Kilby, Suffolk.
Judge James C. Lamb, Richmond.
Mr. John A. Lamb, Richmond.
Mr. Charles T. Lassiter, Petersburg.
Hon. Francis R. Lassiter, Petersburg.
Mr. David H. Leake, Licking.
Judge William J. Leake, Richmond.
Mr. James Mann, Nottoway.
Colonel R. C. Marshall, Portsmouth.
Mr. George Mason, Petersburg.
Mr. Otho F. Mears, Eastville.
Mr. Warren H. Mercer, Richmond. Colonel R. C. Marshall, Portsmouth, Mr. George Mason, Petersburg, Mr. Otho F. Mears, Eastville, Mr. Warren H. Mercer, Richmond, Hon, A. J. Montague, Richmond, Mr. E. E. Montague, Richmond, Mr. E. E. Montague, Richmond, Mr. Hill Montague, Richmond, Mr. Paul Pettit, Palmyra, Mr. William B. Pettit, Palmyra, Mr. William B. Pettit, Palmyra, Mr. William L. Royall, Richmond, Mr. Co, Whittle Sams, Norfolk, Mr. William H. Sands, Richmond, Mr. Thomas W. Shelton, Norfolk, Mr. Cary Ellis Stern, Richmond, Mr. Alfred P. Thom, Norfolk, Mr. R. S. Thomas, Smithfield, Judge J. E. Mason, Comorn, Mr. Robert M. Ward, Winchester, Judge Legh R. Watts, Portsmouth, Mr. William H. White, Norfolk, Judge T. Ashby Wiekham, Richmond, Mr. Frank V. Winston, Louisa, Judge Samuel B. Witt, Richmond, Judge T. R. B. Wright, Tappahamock, Hon, Rufus A. Ayers, Big Stone Gap, John S. Barbour, Esq. Culpaper, Judge Henry E. Blair, Salem, W. Douglas Gordon, Richmond, Howard Hathaway, White Stone, Edwin M. Pilcher, Richmond, James Lewis Anderson, Richmond, John H. Lewis, Lynchburg, Robert V. Marye, Richmond, William E. Burns, Lebaron Hon, James R. Caton, Alexandra, H. St. John Coalie: Richmond, Stonewall J. Deswell, Richmond, Charles V. Merodith, Richmond, Crotesworth Pinckney, Richmond, Ernest H. Wells, Manchester, A. S. Higginbotham, Tazewell, J. Samuel McCune, Charlottesylla, Labe, Pickarell, Richmond, Labe,

A. S. Higginbotham, Tazewell, J. Samuel McCune, Charlottesville, John Pickerell, Richmone

TUG CAPTAIN'S SAD EXPERIENCE

Thrown Into the Water, Knocked Senseless and Robbed-

A NEGRO GETS TEN YEARS.

Offered a Verdict of Five Years and Refused It-A Lady Finds Her Infant Dead in Bed-Engines Smash Together.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 25.—After attempting to drown Captain W. T. Morgan, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway tug Pinner's Point, early this morning, a negro highwayman, he says, knocked him senseless and robbed him of \$67. Morgan had left his vessel in search of a physician. A negro volunteered as guide. Morgan says he pulled out a big roll of bills and tendered the darkey one dollar. The negro snatched several bills (Special Dispatch to The Times.) roll of bills and tendered the darkey one dollar. The negro snatched several bills and ran, with Morgan in pursuit. At Court-Street wharf the negro turned and fough Morgan, who says he was shoved overboard. He managed to get ashore, when the highwayman struck him a territic blow sagural the managed and overboard. blow, secured the money and es-

COSTLY STUBBORNNESS. For stealing \$2.25 from Andrew Hardy, whose house he had robbed, Frank Simmons, a negro, was, in Portsmouth to-day, sentenced to ten years in the peni-tentiary. The negro admitted his crime and was offered a five-years' sentence.
He declined the offer, and pleaded not guilty. It took the jury ten minutes to give him ten years.
When Mrs. Adams, wife of Dr. Walter

F. Adams, returned to her home in Ghent to-day, after a brief absence, she found her infant dead in bed. The little one was well when the mother left, and the mystery of its death is unexplained. The revenue cutter Onandaga arrived to-day. The caught the gale off Hatteras and pitched considerably. Besides a good shaking up the vessel was uninjured. TO REMOVE A WRECK

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Charles W. Johnston, of Lewes, Del.,
was to-day awarded the contract for removing the werek of the schooner Emblem, off Old Point. The price was \$550.
Belt Line engine, No. 1, pulling a dozen
cars, and New York, Philadelphia and
Norfolk engine. No. 11 collided at Port cars, and New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk engine, No. 11, collided at Port Norfolk last night. Several thousand dolars' worth of damage was done to rail-road property, and engine No. 11 was badly smashed. Engineer Powell and Fireman Eure were thrown out of the cab, but escaped uninjured.

Major D. Humphreys, one of Norfolk's most prominent citizens, is dangerously ill at his home.

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THE STORM IN PRINCESS ANNE The Mail Service Much Improved.

Room for More, (Special Dispatch to The Tines.)
BLOSSOM HILL, VA., Jan. 26.—A severe wind storm visited this section last night. In many places the snow is seven inches deep. When the storm first made its appearance the wind was from the north-

west and very heavy. In some places large trees were blown down. The mail service to Back Bay has been very much improved, and the delays to the incoming mail greatly lessened.

The mail is now brought to Back Bay Postoffice on the afternoon 4:15 train, from Norfolk, thereby giving us all Western and Northern mail that has accumulated in Norfolk during that day.

It is hoped that some time in the near future the Postoffice Department will consider our outgoing mail. Instead of the mail leaving here at the unscasonable hour of 7 A. M., that it will be changed to 2 P. M., at which time a regular train goes to Norfolk. very much improved, and the delays to

BIG FIRE IN ROANOKE.

One of the Largest Buildings in the City Destroyed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 25.—One of the argest buildings in the city, occupied as a can manufactory, by C. M. Nalls; J. A. Hoover, dealer in feed, and as a storage warehouse by Yost, Huff & Co., dealers in farm implements, and various com-panies they represent, was totally destroyed, with contents, by fire about mid-The loss is about \$50,000; insurnce \$30,000. Nalls loss is between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

His insurance is \$22,600.

Nominated by the President.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate: Postmasters-Georgia-James L. Sibley,

Miliedgeville.

Miseissippi—Jennie D. Ligon, Gloster; S.
S. Mathews, Hazelhurst.
Florida—John Astieford, De Puniak
Springs; O. E. Stout, Myrs.
South Carolina—Rebecca C. Calboun,

Clemenson College, Berhard Levy, Walter-boro; J. P. Little, Clinton. North Carolina—Victoria L. Martin, Tarboro; C. A. Reynolds, Winston-Salem; Julia A. Ritter, Carthage; A. R. Wilson, Dunn; J. G. Brown, Red Springs; Aspeh M. Clark, Southern Pines; C. M. Hoover,

Virginia Postoffices.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Representative Swanson has returned from Richmond and was on the floor of the

House to-day.

The postoffice at Delaplane, Va., James
L. Pearson, postmaster, has been made a
money-order office.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the names of Stanley E. Moore, to be postmaster at Crewe, and Wm. J. Jones, at Lawrenceville, Va.

Deaths in Roanoke.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Mary A. Rush died this morning, aged 59 years. She is survived by her husband and three

Miss Mary Hawkins, daughter of Samuel Hawkins, of Bedford, a stenographer in the Norfolk and Western offices, died to-day from pneumonia, aged 24 years.

INSURANCE NOTICE.

RICHMOND, VA., December 31, 1900.
THE VIRGINIA TRUST COMPANY HAS this day sold to Mr. ROBERT LEE TRAYLOR all the assets, book-accounts, books, records, sood-will, etc., of the business of its Insurance Department. This business was built up from nothing by Mr. Traylor, who has been in our service for the past six and a half years, has proven himself to be a capable insurance-man, enterprising, energetic and trustworthy, and we commend him as our successor in the conduct of this business to all our clients and friends, asking that they continue to him the patronage accorded to us. patronage accorded to us, JAMES N. BOYD, President. REFERRING TO THE ABOVE NOTICE, beg to say that I have assumed all the liabili-

REFERRING TO THE ABOVE NUTICE, I beg to say that I have assumed all the liabilities of the Insurance Department of the VIR-GINIA TRUST COMPANY, as of December 31, 1900, and will continue this business. The interests of its customers shall be faithfully served by me, and I respectfully solicit the patronage of my friends and the insuring public of Richmond generally, promising prompt business attention to their interests whenever resputited to serve them.



Tuesday Night-"The Last of His

Wednesday Matinee and Night-"She Stoops to Conquer."
Thursday Night-"A Young Wife." Friday and Saturday Nights and Sat-arday Matinee—"Because She Loved Him

BIJOU THEATRE-Refined Vaudeville all week with Matinees every day except

Monday.

The announcements of theatrical attractions for this week foreshadow some rare treats for lovers of the drama. Beginning with the return engagement of Mrs. Le Moyne at the Academy of Music on Monday night, there will be a succession of secondary plays throughout the entire excellent plays throughout the entire

week.
The critics of the leading American newspapers—that is, in cities in which Sarah Cowell Le Moyne has appeared in Sarah Cowell Le Moyne has appeared in the fascinating comedy-drama, "The Greatest Thing in the World"—are unanimous in praise of the talented star, company and play. Franklin Fyles, of the New York Sun, wrote: "Any man who loves his mother will appreciate this play." Acton Davles, of the Evening Sun, printed this line: "It is the dramatic treat of the season."

Sidney Ormond, of the Atlanta Constitution, wrote: "Mrs. Le Moyne is a wonderful actress who would dignify with the force and fire of her splendid acting any-

force and fire of her splendid acting any-thing she touched."

Miss Harriet Ford and Mrs. H. C. De Mille, who are the creators of the play, had Mrs. Le Moyne in mind for the leading role when they resolved to look to the stage as a market for the creation of their talent and fancy. So when they visited the enterprising theatrical firm of Liebler & Co., with their play and then accidentally learned that Mrs. Le Moyne had just signed with that firm as a sta for a number of years, there was joy all

Every bit of scenery, all the furniture, draperies, portieres, rugs and other costy and elegant embellishments of the play during its triumphant career of two months at Wallack's Theatre, in New York, will be seen during the performance here. The company includes such favorite players as Harold Russell, Adelaide Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. John Glendinning, Fanchon Campbell, Charles Stanley Frank Lander, Walter Thomas, Edwin James, John Mathews and William Phil-

"THE LAST OF HIS RACE." An engagement that will be in every ense of the word noteworthy, and an in-ellectual dramatic treat, will be that of the eminent actor, Creston Clarke, and Adelaide Prince, together with their excellent supporting company, in "The Last of His Race." presenting one of those fa-mous impersonations that has called forth the highest encomiums from press and public everywhere. This sterling actor is endowed with talent and creative ability. associated with conscientious effort and dramatle fervor. His Hamlet has been pronounced an almost unapproachable impersonation, from the fact that his outh, looks, bearing and matchless elocution give adequate expression to the character he delineates. He virtually is the living Hamlet, the Immortal Bard drew. In the presentation of his romantic roles, as in "The Last of His Race," each is in strict keeping with that dignity, grace and natural power, meeting every demand with an ease and facility won-

derful in so young an actor.
The engagement here is limited to Tues-"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER." Stuart Robson will undoubtedly be greeted with large audiences at the mat-ince and evening performances Wednesday next, when he will be seen in a revival of Goldsmith's classical comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," in which he is said

to have scored his greatest success. His company this season is said to be the strongest that has ever been associated with the favorite comedian. It includes such well-known players as John E. Henshaw, Stephen Grattan, H. A. Weaver, Sr., George C. Staley, Beaumont Smith, Maude White, Jeffreys Lewis, Ellen Mortimer and May Ten Broeck.

cement of Mr Rob son's career, which dates back over two score years, it has been generally admit-ted that his impersonation of the eccentric Teny Lumpkin, in Goldsmith's play is the best of his many successful char-acterizations. Mr. Robson is supported this season by the strongest company that has ever been associated with him. As usual, he has given his personal attention to all of the state details. "A YOUNG WIFE."

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Thursday night, Frank Tannehill, Jr., a popular comedian, will present for the first time a story of high and low life in New York entitled "A Young Wife." He is supported by a clever company, headed by Ethelyn Palmer in the title rele. She has been highly praised by the press during their recent tour of the South.

"BECAUSE SHE LOVED HIM SO." "Because She Loved Him So." William Gillette's three-act comedy, will be the attraction Friday and Saturday nights, with a matinee Saturday.

It is a rollicking piece of clean-cut comedy, filled with situations ludicrous and mirth-inspiring. Its presentation is well deserving of the enthusiastic reception it receives at the hands of crowded houses. Miss Clara Dickey, in the role of Gertrude West, the jealous wife, takes the

Miss Clara Dickey, in the fole of ele-trude West, the jealous wife, takes the part exceptionally well, and wins the hearts of the audience by her graceful and clever acting. There is no particular star in east, for the company is excep-tionally fine, from Mamie Johnson as the Irish maid, to Thomas David, the hus-pand. The company is a strong one, the band. The company is a strong one, the comedy equally as good and the combina-tion delightful.

At the Bijon.

At the Bijou Manager Wells announces for this week what he terms the Vaudeville treat of the season, The Great Lafayette Show. It will also be the initial appearance here of this company, but the management is confident that it will repeat here the wonderful success and business that it has achieved in other cities.

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The headliner is that clever artist, The The headliner is that clever artist, The Great Lafayette, who will be seen here for the first time since his return from London, where he presented with great success his famous spectacular travesty on that wonderful Chinaman, Ching Ling Foo. Nothing could be said of this clever entertainer that would not be a vain repetition, for the press agents and critics on both sides of the Atlantic have piled up eulogistic adjectives in their descriptions and comments of him.

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Lafayette has surrounded himself with the best of vaudeville talent, obtainable among whom are James J. Morton, an exceptionally clever monologist, whose funny sayings are enjoyed by every audience. A recent European importation is the act of Keily and Ashley, comedy acrobatic comigues. They will introduce their trick, Bounding Billard Table. Bert Howard and Leona Bland have a new comedy sketch, by Charles Horwetz, entitled "A Strange Boy," which is said to be very funny.

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Stine and Evans, a pair of exceptionally clever travesty artists, will be seen in an original sketch, "Wanted a Divorce." Smith. Doty and Coe, have a musical act which is up to date, and in which they play the popular airs of the day. Others are Maud Meredith, balladist, and the Farley singers and dancers.

Monday Night-"The Greatest Thing in This company is credited with being one nies on tour. During this engagement matinees will be given daily except Monday.

Russin is to hear "Robin Hood."

Mrs. Langtry is to do "A Great Lady."

Hugh Morton is to write a comedy ea-Sam Bernard has rejoined Weber & Fields.

Several stock companies have produced "L'Aigion.

"To have and to Hold" cast will include

Gertrude Elliott's husband is to lease a London theatre. Grip disabled Marie Dressler and Edna

"The Jungle Play" is the title of Kipling's dramatization of his jungle stories.

Sir Henry Irving has enguged the Ameri-

Hilda Clark injured her knee at Kan sas City, and was unable to appear with the Bostonians for a week. About 1.700 actors and actresses accept-

about 1.w actors and actresses accepted Beerbohm Tree's hospitality at the professional matinee of "Herod" in Lomon.
The fact that May Irwin intends to build an apartment house in New York for bachelors has been cabled to the Lon-

Madame Bertha Kalich, the leading ac-tress of the Thalla Theatre in the Bow-

written for Arthur Bourchier, and which the latter will produce at the Garrick in the course of time, is said to have a short cast, and in the author's words "its action is confined practically to four

Zenda" at Boyd's Theatre, Omaha, or Zenda at Boyds fleath.

Friday and Saturday nights with one company, and on Sunday and Monday evenings presented the sequel, "Rupert of Hentzan," with another company, by Howard Gould.

The libretto of Siegfried Wagner's new opera, "Herzog Wildfang," is in type, but not yet for sale. The scene is laid in a German city about the middle of the eighteenth century, and Siegried's poetic model appears to have been his father's "Die Meister-singer."

of the greatest of all vaudeville compa-nies on tour. During this engagement

Theatrical Amusements.

Virginia Harned is to play Camille. Corse Payton has amassed \$100,000. Lutton's "Rienzi" has been gramm

Sadie Martinot is to appear in "The Marriage Game.

Shore Acres Herne has been on the stage forty years.
"D'Ennery's "Martyre" has been resus-

Isnbelle Irving.

flay. Theatres closed.

There are to be no more speeches before the curtain in the Berlin theatres.

"Paul Kauvar" has been acted the past two weeks by a Boston stock company.

H. Grattan Donnelly's "The Triumph of Hope" is to be produced in New York this season.

can actor, James Young, for "juvenile lead" parts.

ress of the Thalla Theatre in the Bow-ery, New York, at her benefit on the eve-ning of January 30th at that house, will essay the part of Hamlet.

"The applause of a well-pleased Ameri-can audience is a baby's rattle nailed to the floor when compared to the vociferous commendation of a London audience."— De Wolf Hopper, im New York Clipper.

The London pantomimes this year in-

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The London pantomimes this year include nine "Cinderallas," four "Puss in Boots," three "Robinson Crusoes," two sets of "Babes in the Woods," two "Dick Whittingtons," two "Little Red Riding Hoods," and a double set of "The Forty Thieves."

The naw play which Mr. Pippers has The new play which Mr. Pinero has

Munroe & Sage played "The Prisoner of

The libretto of Siegfried Wagner's new

Dubarry" for Mrs. Carter's use next season, belasco is also interested in Paul Potter's "Under Two Flags." He has given advice to W. L. Boddington, who has dramatized "To Have and To Hold." and he is collaborating on a drama with

Ada Rehan was devotedly attached to Ada Rehan was devotedly attached to her parents, yet fate has permitted her to be with neither of them in their last hours. Her father died fourteen years ago, suddenly and tragically. Miss Rehan, then in the fieyday of her glory, was playing Peggy Thrift in "The Country Girl." By Mr. Daly's wise orders she was not informed of her loss until after the performance, and the theatre was ringing with laughter over the humor of the daughter while her father lay dying. daughter while her father by dying. She was ill with grip at the moment when her mother was stricken. Arain, the sorrowful news was kept from her. this time by order of the doctor, and sho knew nothing of her mother's indisposi-tion until it terminated fatally.

One of Queen Victoria's favorite operatives "Lohengrin," although when it was sung before her at Windsor or Bucking-

ham Palace she required the dark scene of the second act to be cut, in which ac-tion many folk who are not Wagnerlans

Win approve the decision of Her Majesty.

Apparently David Belasco is making a corner on American dramatists. He is spending some of his time working on a play by Lee Arthur, after having accepted the piece from him. H. J. W. Damm is collaborating with him on "Madame

In one way and and another, the hoodlum contingent manages to get into the first night performances of English theatres. The managers try in all ways to keep them out, but when the curtain rises, they are on hand just the same, in spite of the surveillance at the ticket office. These hoodlums, who occupy the very cheapest seats, have a most disgraceful way of announcing their displeasure in howls, caterwauling and "boolng," as it is termed there. The air is filled with the hideous sound while the heart of the actor is filled with a suffocating discomfort. It is often the custom of this dis-respectful part of the audience to en-courage the star with delusive applause when he has been called before the cur-tain for a speech—then as soon as he opens his mouth to "speechify," they drown his voice with their detestable booing.-New York Clipper.

WILL ASK FOR A CHARTER.

City Bar Association Accepts Committee's Report.

The Richmond Bar Association held a called meeting at the Association rooms, in the City Hall, yesterday. The meeting was called for the consid-The meeting was called for the Cosmic eration of the report of the Executive Committee, looking toward the incorpora-tion of the Association. The report was accepted, and application for a charter will be made at the present special ses-

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The following were elected members:
Richmond T. Lacy, Joseph C. Taylor, Jas.
Bullen, George Bryan, James R. McIn-tosh, William Crump Tucker, David A.
Ritchie, C. C. Pinckney, C. U. Williams,
Jr. John P. Lea, H. W. Anderson and W.
D. Gordon.

THE CONTRACT SIGNED.

Illinois Will Soon Be Ready For Her Preliminary Trial, (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-Contracts for naval work, aggregating seven and a half million dollars, were signed at the Navy Department to-day by President Oreutt and Judge Payson, representing the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. The contracts were for a sheathed armored cruiser of 11,500 tons to cost \$2,85,600, and for a cruiser, unsheathed. to cost \$3,775,000.

Captain Converse, now inspector of the Illinois and the future commander of the big battleship which is building at New port News, reported at the Navy Depart-ment to-day that the battleship will be ready for her preliminary trials about the middle of next month and be ready to go into commission in July.

Miss Gay Ragland will sing at the Second Baptist Church to-night a beauti-ful new avia by Jacobi, entitled "Oh, Lamb of God."

AMUSEMENTS.

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